

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device which receives an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal through a communication line and sends at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal through the communication line according to an address of a destination party attached to the electronic mail, comprising:

a-means for separating the electronic mail into first data including text data and the ~~other~~second data when the received electronic mail includes the second data ~~other than the text data~~; and

means for inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data;
and

a-means for sending only the ~~text~~first data with the identifier to the receiving terminal ~~after relating the separated text data with the data other than the text data;~~

wherein the identifier permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal.

2. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising:

a-means for storing the ~~separated data other than the text~~second data ~~with a discriminating symbol attached there;~~ and

~~a-means for inserting the discriminating symbol into the text data;~~
wherein the textfirst data with the ~~discriminating symbol~~identifier inserted therein ~~being~~is sent by said sending means to the receiving terminal through the communication line.

3. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 2, wherein

~~the second data other than the text data related with the text data and stored in said storing means is sent to the receiving terminal or deleted from the storing means, at in~~
response to a request ~~offrom~~ the receiving terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising:

~~a~~ means for assigning a temporary tag for the ~~number of the separated~~ second data other than the text data, to the separated text data and placing the temporary tag into the first data when the second data is separated from the first data,

said inserting means replacing the temporary tag with the corresponding discriminating symbol identifier that permits retrieval of the second data.

5. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the communication line is ~~comprises~~ the Internet.

6. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the second data other than the text data is ~~comprises~~ an attached file.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the second data other than the text data is ~~comprises at least one of~~ graphic data or and a computer executable program.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system provided with an electronic mail transfer device ~~or~~ for receiving an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal through a communication line and sending at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal through the communication line according to an address of a destination party attached to the electronic mail, a plurality of the sending terminals for sending the electronic mail to the electronic mail transfer device through the communication line, and a plurality of the receiving terminals for receiving the at least a portion of the electronic mail sent from the electronic mail transfer device through the communication line, in which

the electronic mail transfer device comprises:

~~a~~ means for separating the electronic mail into first data including text data and the other second data when the received electronic mail includes the second data other than the text data; and

means for inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data;
and
a-means for sending only the ~~text~~first data with the identifier to the receiving terminal
~~after relating the separated text data with the data other than the text data;~~
wherein the identifier permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 8, wherein the electronic mail transfer device further comprises:
a-means for storing the ~~separated data other than the text~~second data with a ~~discriminating symbol attached there;~~ and
a means for ~~inserting the discriminating symbol into the text data;~~
wherein the textfirst data with the ~~discriminating symbol~~identifier inserted therein ~~being~~is sent by said sending means to the receiving terminal through the communication line.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 9, wherein the electronic mail transfer device
sends the ~~data other than the text~~second data ~~related with the~~associated with the identifier in the textfirst data and stored in said storing means to the receiving terminal or deletes the same data from the storing means, ~~at in response to a request offrom~~ the receiving terminal.

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 9, wherein the electronic mail transfer device further comprises:
a-means for assigning a temporary tag for the ~~number of the separated~~second data ~~other than the text data, to the separated text data~~and placing the temporary tag into the first data when the second data is separated from the first data,
said inserting means replacing the temporary tag with the ~~corresponding~~
~~discriminating symbol~~identifier that permits retrieval of the second data.

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 8, wherein the communication line iscomprises the Internet.

13. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 8, wherein the second data other than the text data ~~is~~ comprises an attached file.

14. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 8, wherein the second data other than the text data ~~is~~ comprises at least one of graphic data ~~or~~ and a computer executable program.

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer method for receiving an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal through a communication line and sending at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal through the communication line according to an address of a destination party attached to the electronic mail, comprising the steps of:

~~a step of separating the electronic mail into~~ first data including text data and the ~~other~~ second data when the received electronic mail includes the second data other than the text data; and

inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data that permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal; and

~~a step of sending only the text~~ first data with the identifier to the receiving terminal after relating the separated text data with the data other than the text data.

16. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer method as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising:

~~a step of storing the separated data other than the text~~ second data with a discriminating symbol attached there; and

~~a step of inserting the discriminating symbol into the text data; and~~

~~a step of sending the text~~ first data with the discriminating symbol identifier inserted therein to the receiving terminal through the communication line.

17. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer method as set forth in Claim 16, further comprising:

~~a step of sending the second data other than the text data related associated with the identifier inserted in the text first data and stored in said storing means to the receiving terminal or deleting the same data from the storing means, at in response to a request of from the receiving terminal.~~

18. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail transfer method as set forth in Claim 16, further comprising:

~~a step of assigning a temporary tag for the number of the separated second data other than the text data, to the text data, at a time of separation and placing the temporary tag into the first data when the second data is separated from the first data; and~~

~~a step of replacing the temporary tag with the corresponding discriminating symbol at a time of sending identifier that permits retrieval of the second data.~~

19. (New) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

20. (New) An electronic mail transfer device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the identifier is inserted into the first data by appending the identifier to an end of the first data.

21. (New) An electronic mail transfer system as set forth in Claim 8, wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

22. (New) An electronic mail transfer method as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

23. (New) An electronic mail transfer device for receiving a first electronic mail from a sending terminal and sending a second electronic mail to a receiving terminal, the device comprising:

a checking and separating unit for separating the first electronic mail into first data and second data;

a storing unit for storing the second data; and
a synthesizing unit for generating the second electronic mail by inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data;
wherein the second electronic mail comprises the first data with the inserted identifier;
and
wherein the identifier permits for retrieval of the second data from the storage unit.

24. (New) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23, wherein the first data comprises text data.

25. (New) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23, wherein the second data comprises an attached file.

26. (New) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23, wherein the second data comprises at least one of graphics data and a computer executable program.

27. (New) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a URL.

28. (New) The electronic mail transfer device of claim 23, wherein the identifier is inserted into the first data by appending the identifier to an end of the first data.

29. (New) An electronic mail transfer device which receives an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal and sends at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal, comprising:

means for separating the electronic mail into first data and second data;

means for inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data;

and

means for sending the first data with the identifier and without the second data to the receiving terminal;

wherein the identifier permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal.

30. (New) An electronic mail transfer method for receiving an electronic mail sent from a sending terminal and sending at least a portion of the received electronic mail to a receiving terminal, comprising the steps of:

separating the electronic mail into first data and second data;

inserting an identifier associated with the second data into the first data that permits retrieval of the second data by the receiving terminal; and

sending the first data with the identifier and without the second data to the receiving terminal.